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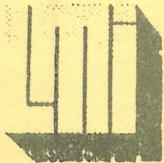
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# EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

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## A BRIEF ANALYSIS COVERING SELECTED MAINE LABOR MARKET AREAS

### AUGUSTA LABOR MARKET AREA

The employment situation in the Augusta Labor Market Area worsened in January 1982, as employment dropped and unemployment rose. Resident employment declined 290 to 26,610, while the number unemployed grew to 2,320, 590 more than in December. The unemployment rate climbed to 8.0 percent, well above the preliminary rate of 6.0 percent for December. The rate for January 1982, however, is below the rate of 9.4 percent evidenced in January 1981. Employment losses in textile mill products and apparel, leather and leather products, and paper and allied products, coupled with declines in nonmanufacturing, including government, contributed to the overall decline in resident employment. The corresponding unemployment rates for the State and the nation were 8.3 percent and 9.4 percent, respectively.

### BANGOR-BREWER LABOR MARKET AREA

Economic conditions in the Bangor-Brewer Labor Market Area experienced a slight downturn in January 1982. A decline in resident employment from 40,400 to 38,000, combined with an increase in the number of unemployed persons from 2,300 to 2,700, resulted in an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent in January. The preliminary rate in December was 5.4 percent. Employment in manufacturing remained relatively stable, with small gains in nonelectrical and electrical machinery, equipment, and supplies and textile mill products offsetting nominal losses in food and kindred products and paper and allied products. Contract construction, wholesale and retail trade, and government were responsible for a sharp decline in nonmanufacturing employment.

### BIDDEFORD-SANFORD LABOR MARKET AREA

During January the Biddeford-Sanford Labor Market Area suffered a third consecutive month of rising unemployment. Total unemployment increased 500 to 2,600 in January. Resident employment dropped by 200 to 28,300 in January from a preliminary estimate of 28,500 in

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December. This combination caused the local unemployment rate to jump to 8.4 percent compared with a preliminary rate of 6.9 percent in December. Seasonal layoffs in leather and leather products, contract construction, textile mill products, and transportation equipment contributed to the downward economic trend.

#### LEWISTON-AUBURN STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Economic conditions in the Lewiston-Auburn SMSA suffered a substantial setback in January, as the local unemployment rate rose from a preliminary rate of 6.5 percent in December to 9.0 percent in January. Meanwhile, the State and national unemployment rates stood at 8.3 percent and 9.4 percent, respectively. Between December and January, total joblessness in the Lewiston-Auburn SMSA increased by 1,000, from 2,400 to 3,400. Nonfarm wage and salary employment fell to 33,300 in January, its lowest level since July 1980. In January, seasonal layoffs were reported in contract construction and wholesale and retail trade, which lost 500 jobs following the Christmas shopping season. Other layoffs possibly linked to the national recession were reported in metals and machinery, leather and leather products, rubber and miscellaneous plastics products, and government.

#### PORTLAND STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

The local unemployment rate in the Portland SMSA rose from a preliminary estimate of 4.6 percent in December to 5.7 percent in January. Total unemployment increased from 4,300 in December to 5,200 in January, with layoffs in wholesale and retail trade, services, contract construction, and government. Despite the monthly setback, economic conditions in the Portland SMSA compare quite favorably to the State and nation, which recorded January unemployment rates of 8.3 percent and 9.4 percent, respectively.

#### WATERVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Economic conditions in the Waterville Labor Market Area, based on unemployment, continued to slide as the unemployment rate for the area was again above the rate for the State. An increase in the number unemployed from 1,430 in December to 1,810 in January and a decline in employment from 20,240 in December to 19,310 in January combined to produce an unemployment rate of 8.6 percent, well above the preliminary rate of 6.6 percent in December. In addition, the rate for January 1982 is above the rate of 8.3 percent for January 1981. The increasing unemployment rate is in part the result of the continuing influence of the loss of two manufacturing employers, Ft. Halifax Packing Co. and Wyandotte Industries, during 1981. Additionally, January employment losses occurred in nonmanufacturing, paper and allied products, and apparel. The corresponding unemployment rate in January for the State stood at 8.3 percent, while the national rate rose to 9.4 percent.





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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY MAINE COUNTY<sup>1</sup>

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE			RESIDENT EMPLOYED		
	Jan. 82 <sup>2</sup>	Dec. 81 <sup>2</sup>	Jan. 81 <sup>2</sup>	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81
ANDROSCOGGIN .....	46,710	45,400	47,470	4,430	3,160	5,500	9.5	7.0	11.6	42,280	42,240	41,970
ARFOOSTOOK .....	35,350	34,570	34,000	4,050	3,130	3,810	11.5	9.1	11.2	31,300	31,440	30,190
CUMBERLAND .....	100,960	102,520	98,260	5,750	4,640	6,970	5.7	4.5	7.1	95,210	97,880	91,290
FRANKLIN .....	12,580	12,750	12,370	900	800	910	7.2	6.3	7.4	11,680	11,950	11,460
HANCOCK .....	17,920	17,250	17,480	1,730	1,230	2,100	9.7	7.1	12.0	16,190	16,020	15,380
KENNEBEC .....	48,840	49,170	48,180	4,040	3,100	4,310	8.3	6.3	8.9	44,800	46,070	43,870
KNOX .....	14,190	14,260	14,190	1,350	940	1,730	9.5	6.6	12.2	12,840	13,320	12,460
LINCOLN .....	9,130	9,210	8,500	810	590	1,130	8.9	6.4	13.3	8,320	8,620	7,370
OXFORD .....	20,770	20,870	21,970	2,020	1,590	2,050	9.7	7.6	9.3	18,750	19,280	19,920
PENOBSCOT .....	63,880	65,920	64,390	4,700	3,710	5,650	7.4	5.6	8.8	59,180	62,210	58,740
PISCATAQUIS .....	8,220	8,220	7,940	430	350	650	5.2	4.3	8.2	7,790	7,870	7,290
SAGadahoc .....	12,840	13,130	11,900	800	660	990	6.2	5.0	8.3	12,040	12,470	10,910
SOMERSET .....	18,920	18,670	19,080	2,690	2,180	2,310	14.2	11.7	12.1	16,230	16,490	16,770
WALDO .....	10,090	9,940	10,140	1,340	980	1,750	13.3	9.9	17.3	8,750	8,960	8,390
WASHINGTON .....	14,380	14,400	14,690	1,820	1,350	2,190	12.7	9.4	14.9	12,560	13,050	12,500
YORK .....	57,500	56,020	54,040	4,090	3,210	4,240	7.1	5.7	7.8	53,410	52,810	49,800

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are developed for CETA purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Revised estimates.





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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY MAINE LABOR MARKET AREA, NEW ENGLAND STATES, AND THE UNITED STATES<sup>1</sup>

AREAS	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE			RESIDENT EMPLOYED		
	Jan. 82 <sup>2</sup>	Dec. 81 <sup>3</sup>	Jan. 81 <sup>3</sup>	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81	Jan. 82	Dec. 81	Jan. 81
<b>LABOR MARKET AREAS:</b>												
AUGUSTA .....	28,930	28,630	28,200	2,320	1,730	2,660	8.0	6.0	9.4	26,610	26,900	25,540
BANGOR-BREWER .....	40,700	42,700	41,100	2,700	2,300	3,400	6.6	5.4	8.3	38,000	40,400	37,700
BATH-BRUNSWICK .....	22,160	22,820	20,470	1,350	1,100	1,620	6.1	4.8	7.9	20,810	21,720	18,850
BELFAST .....	10,090	9,940	10,140	1,340	980	1,750	13.3	9.9	17.3	8,750	8,960	8,390
BIDDEFORD SANFORD .....	30,900	30,600	30,100	2,600	2,100	2,600	8.4	6.9	8.6	28,300	28,500	27,500
BOOTHBAY HARBOR-WISCASSET .....	6,990	7,020	6,390	640	450	890	9.2	6.4	13.9	6,350	6,570	5,500
CALAIS EASTPORT .....	14,380	14,400	14,690	1,820	1,350	2,190	12.7	9.4	14.9	12,560	13,050	12,500
CARIBOU-PRESQUE ISLE .....	19,980	19,770	19,600	2,310	1,840	2,170	11.6	9.3	11.1	17,670	17,930	17,430
CENTRAL PENOBSCOT .....	3,580	3,920	4,380	260	190	300	7.3	4.8	6.8	3,320	3,730	4,080
DOVER FOXCROFT .....	6,480	6,760	6,640	360	280	550	5.6	4.1	8.3	6,120	6,480	6,090
ELLSWORTH .....	17,920	17,250	17,480	1,730	1,230	2,100	9.7	7.1	12.0	16,190	16,020	15,380
FARMINGTON .....	12,580	12,750	12,370	900	800	910	7.2	6.3	7.4	11,680	11,950	11,460
FORT KENT-ALLAGASH .....	4,880	4,510	4,150	620	470	470	12.7	10.4	11.3	4,260	4,040	3,680
GREENVILLE .....	1,750	1,450	1,290	80	60	90	4.6	4.1	7.0	1,670	1,390	1,200
HOULTON .....	4,590	4,500	4,450	480	340	470	10.5	7.6	10.6	4,110	4,160	3,980
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA .....	37,900	37,000	39,000	3,400	2,400	4,400	9.0	6.5	11.3	34,500	34,600	34,600
LINCOLN-HOWLAND .....	5,570	5,510	5,290	350	270	420	6.3	4.9	7.9	5,220	5,240	4,870
LIVERMORE FALLS .....	5,610	5,190	5,290	620	430	730	11.1	8.3	13.8	4,990	4,760	4,560
MADAWASKA-VAN BUREN .....	4,330	4,270	4,330	510	340	530	11.8	8.0	12.2	3,820	3,930	3,800
MECHANIC FALLS .....	2,280	2,320	2,450	350	270	330	15.4	11.6	13.5	1,930	2,050	2,120
MILLINOCKET-EAST MILLINOCKET .....	5,380	5,840	5,870	340	250	300	6.3	4.3	5.1	5,040	5,590	5,570
PATTEN-ISLAND FALLS .....	2,330	2,280	2,270	200	190	300	8.6	8.3	13.2	2,130	2,090	1,970
PORTLAND SMSA .....	92,000	92,800	89,200	5,200	4,300	6,100	5.7	4.6	6.8	86,800	88,500	83,100
ROCKLAND .....	15,860	15,890	15,810	1,470	1,050	1,930	9.3	6.6	12.2	14,390	14,840	13,880
RUMFORD .....	20,500	20,540	21,650	2,010	1,580	2,020	9.8	7.7	9.3	18,490	18,960	19,630
SEBAGO LAKES REGION .....	9,970	10,620	10,380	780	620	1,010	7.8	5.8	9.7	9,190	10,000	9,370
SKOWHEGAN .....	18,920	18,670	19,080	2,690	2,180	2,310	14.2	11.7	12.1	16,230	16,490	16,770
KITTERY YORK .....	16,750	15,590	14,400	700	500	790	4.2	3.2	5.5	16,050	15,090	13,610
SOUTHWEST PENOBSCOT .....	7,870	7,280	7,040	960	700	1,130	12.2	9.6	16.1	6,910	6,580	5,910
WATERVILLE .....	21,120	21,670	21,110	1,810	1,430	1,760	8.6	6.6	8.3	19,310	20,240	19,350
<b>STATES:<sup>4</sup></b>												
MAINE .....	492.2	501.1	497.2	40.9	38.3	44.8	8.3	7.6	9.0	451.3	462.8	452.4
CONNECTICUT .....	n/a	1,625.0	1,599.6	n/a	106.6	113.0	n/a	6.6	7.1	n/a	1,518.4	1,486.6
MASSACHUSETTS .....	2,992.0	3,045.0	2,911.0	238.0	211.0	188.0	8.0	6.9	6.4	2,754.0	2,834.0	2,724.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	n/a	468.6	457.8	n/a	22.8	25.9	n/a	4.9	5.7	n/a	445.8	431.9
RHODE ISLAND .....	472.5	471.7	459.5	45.5	36.9	37.1	9.6	7.8	8.1	427.0	434.8	422.4
VERMONT .....	260.7	242.6	243.4	20.7	13.3	14.8	7.9	5.5	6.1	240.0	229.3	228.6
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES<sup>4</sup></b>	n/a	6,354.0	6,169.5	n/a	428.9	423.6	n/a	6.8	6.9	n/a	5,925.1	5,745.9
<b>UNITED STATES<sup>4</sup></b>	108,014	108,574	106,885	10,183	9,013	8,746	9.4	8.3	8.2	97,831	99,562	98,139

1/ All rates shown are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates for the State and sub-State areas have been benchmarked to the latest Current Population estimates for the State. 2/ Preliminary estimates. 3/ For Maine and U.S., last month and year ago figures revised. For all other areas, last month and year ago figures are preliminary. 4/ In thousands. n/a = Not Available.